

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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AMENDMENT TO BUDGET ITEM #2

In their Fiscal Outlook, but not included in the Final Changes Budget, the Department of Health Services is examining some significant changes to mental health services in our public hospitals as a means of deficit reduction. The most significant of these proposals is a plan to close Psychiatric Emergency Rooms in the County, leaving fewer options for patients who may be a danger to themselves or others. Before we make such a significant policy decision, and certainly before we start to count the savings from such an action, this Board needs information and a justification for this action.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that this Board:

Require the Department of Health Services and the Department of Mental Health to present a full report to this Board in 30 days, in writing and in public session, on the Departments' plans with regard to mental health services in our public hospitals and the current status of Psychiatric Emergency Rooms in each of our County facilities, including staffing, bed availability, average daily census, and number of persons turned away due to capacity limitations.

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